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Unlicensed Yuma Pool Repairman Cases Submitted for Criminal Charging

PHOENIX, Ariz., (June 26, 2018) – Last week, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) submitted a case against Michael Anthony Ponce, age 34 of Yuma, to the Yuma County Attorney's Office (YCAO) for review of criminal charges and submitted another case to the City of Yuma Prosecutor's Office for review.

The cases stemmed from two AZ ROC investigations against Ponce, dba MAP Pool Builders since May 2018. Between the two complaints submitted to AZ ROC by two Yuma homeowners, Ponce contracted for a total of \$12,500 and was paid \$12,900 in exchange for incomplete work. In fact, he abandoned both projects before completing them.

In addition to submitting the cases for criminal charging, AZ ROC issued two civil penalties against Ponce in the combined amount of \$8,000 as a result of the investigations.

Ponce has never been a licensed contractor in Arizona and in addition to the complaints filed against him, AZ ROC is aware of several other unlicensed individuals contracting for pool repairs in the Yuma-area and is actively investigating those complaints.

The AZ ROC commonly receives complaints regarding unlicensed entities exploiting property owners ranging from poor work to complete abandonment. The AZ ROC reminds property owners to ask contractors of their license status and to check the license by using our website or giving the agency a call.

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